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Dear Livestock Committee,

Please work to adopt the Committee's Recommendations for Pasturing Requirements. Like most organic farmers I know, I am in favor of keeping regulations tight and strictly in line with organic production philosophy and practices. I have an organic milking herd of 60 and several hundred head of young stock. All animals over six months of age are grazing as seasons allow. Research proves that animals on grass have higher levels of CLA's and other compounds beneficial to human health. I know from my own herd that pasturing also produces great health benefits for my animals. They are ruminants, designed for grazing for god's sake. I have about one acre of pasture for every animal, young stock included. Besides the health benefits, the pasture is great for the diversity and overall health and stability of the farm and our community. I've never farmed outside of the midwest but it seems to me that your recommendations would be reasonable for wherever in the country you were farming. Thanks for all of your hard work on this policy all along, and thanks for whatever in the future you do to keep the regulations tight and free of loopholes.

